

## A. MOTOR VEHICLE RULES & EQUIPMENT

1. Maximum **SPEED** of motor vehicles may not exceed **15 miles per hour**. In no case will the tire pressure on vehicles exceed **20 lbs. psi**. All persons shall operate vehicles in a reasonable and prudent manner. **The provisions of Chapter 90, Mass General Laws (Ter. Ed) shall apply to the operation of all motor vehicles. All persons should be aware that the State of Massachusetts Seat Belt Regulations and child car seat usage are still in effect while on the beach and the vehicle is underway. (This simply means that if it is required on the road, it is required on the beach.)** Driving on the low beach will be permitted during the winter season between the first Friday of November and the Friday before Memorial Day at reasonable speeds. Traveling above the mean high water mark in a closed area is prohibited. Headlights must be on half hour after sunset until half hour before sunrise.
2. The operation of off road vehicles shall be prohibited year round from the outer beach from a point 1½ miles South to a point ¼ mile North of the Nauset Beach parking lot unless otherwise posted (except emergency and maintenance vehicles). Access to outer beach only at posted areas. No vehicles shall be operated in designated swimming areas.
3. All persons shall ride within and be seated within the confines of any motor vehicle operated on the beach, and the number of riders at any one time shall be limited to the normal seating capacity of the vehicles. Vehicles shall not park within 10 feet of established tracks or routes and shall not interfere with traveling traffic. Portions of the beach shall be considered off limits to vehicular traffic when high tides force passage within 15 feet of vegetation and frontal dunes. **Vehicles driving off the Beach shall have the right of way.**
4. Driving of motor vehicles between the surf and the rise or crest of the beach and driving or walking on or over any partially or fully covered vegetation area and on or across the dunes or any other closed areas except as designated by specified routes is strictly prohibited. The driving of vehicles more than 20 feet below the mean high water mark, on the West of or bay side of the dunes or where otherwise designated is strictly prohibited.
5. Each visitor to the beach shall remove from the beach all rubbish, trash or refuse for which he or she has been responsible. Receptacles for the disposal of such are provided at the beach parking lot. Emptying of holding tanks and disposal of human waste on Nauset Beach and its adjoining waters is positively prohibited. Human waste may be disposed of at the Septage Treatment Plant for a fee.
6. **EQUIPMENT:** Before a permit will be issued, each vehicle will be inspected to ensure that it is equipped with the following.
  - a. **SHOVEL** of a heavy type equal to or better than the military folding entrenching tool.
  - b. **TOW ROPE**, chain cable or other towing devise not less than 14 feet in length with a minimum load strength of 1400 lbs. (Chain size 5/16", cable 1/4", nylon 3/4", or polypropylene 3/4", hemp 1".) The towing device will be equipped with grab hooks or other suitable attaching device on both ends.
  - c. **JACK SUPPORT**, board or similar, to have a surface of not less than 144 square inches nor be more than 18 inches in length. Thickness to be not less than 1½" if of solid wood. Other materials must equal strength and durability of the standard wood supports.
  - d. **JACK** of the standard size and type as that which comes with the vehicle.
  - e. **TIRE GAUGE**, low pressure, able to register to a minimum of 5 lbs. psi.
  - f. **TIRE SIZES:** Minimum size tires for 13" is 185, for 14", 15", and 16" it is 215. Note – no snow tires will be allowed on the beach except from November 1 through April 13. (See Tire Terminology in addendum.)
  - g. **SPARE TIRE**, meeting same standard as other tires required for type of vehicle in which it is carried.
  - h. **ROD AND REEL:** Self-contained vehicles must be equipped with a rod and reel for each occupant over 12 years of age.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

Orleans 508-255-1213

Chatham 508-945-1212

If dialing from a cell phone and you dial 911, the call goes to the Framingham State Police.

When requesting an emergency, please give specific location:

North End or South End of Nauset Beach, Trail # and Vehicle Registration, Color and Make.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### TO REPORT A VIOLATION

Orleans Nauset Beach Administration Building in season between 9am-5pm  
508-240-3780

Nauset Beach Toll Booth in season between 5pm-9pm  
508-240-3705

Orleans Police off season  
508-255-0117

Orleans Parks off season  
508-240-3775

Chatham Police  
508-945-1213

If you observe a Violation, the following information is needed for the Beach Patrol to take action against violators:

1. Date & time of day
2. Location/landmark/trail #
3. Vehicle description (license plate # / color)
4. Operator/occupant description
5. Violation/incident description

Reg. # / State	
RO	<input type="checkbox"/>
OS	<input type="checkbox"/>
SC	<input type="checkbox"/>
OC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inspected by	
Tire Size	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare Tire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tow Strap	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tire Pressure Gage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove Old Sticker	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Nauset Beach Rules and Regulations for ORVs



This unique conservation and recreation area is under the joint supervision and jurisdiction of the Towns of Orleans and Chatham. We hope you as visitors to Nauset Beach will enjoy the natural and recreational values of the area, as well as observe the rules that have been adopted for its protection.

All applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, town by-laws, rules and regulations, and fire regulations shall apply and are enforceable.

**B. VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008 TO APRIL 30, 2009**

1. **STICKERS:** Registration shall be obtained from the Orleans Parks & Beaches Department and the Chatham Police Department. Applicants of Nauset Beach registration cards will be issued stickers that must be affixed to the stationary window on the driver's side of the vehicle. **No vehicle shall operate on the beach without a valid registration sticker. All registration stickers are non-transferable and expire April 30 of following year. All previous years' stickers must be removed.** Registration stickers issued to camp owners, Chatham residents, nonresident self-contained and oversand vehicles are valid only South of Nauset Beach parking lot and not valid to park in beach parking lots. All ORVs must clock on and off the beach during the season when the gate house is operational when driving South of the Nauset Beach parking lot.
2. **HOURS:** All non-self-contained vehicles using the beach South of the parking lot and all legal residents and real estate taxpayers of Orleans using the beach North of the parking lot are allowed on the beach only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. (unless actively fishing). Fishing gear must be shown upon request. **Oversand vehicles must stay off the beach six (6) hours before returning.** Self-contained vehicles will be allowed to stay on the beach for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours and a 72-hour period must elapse before they may return to the beach. All vehicles remaining overnight, except those vehicles used by camp owners or their guests, shall have permanently mounted self-contained water or chemical toilet and permanently mounted sleeping accommodations sufficient for all persons in the vehicle.
3. **LIMITS:** The number and types of vehicles allowed on the beach at any one time shall be set each year and may be changed depending on prevailing conditions and the amount of usable beach. All registered vehicles using the beach South of the Nauset Beach parking lot must check on and off the beach.

**DRIVE ONLY IN DESIGNATED TRACKS AND ESTABLISHED WAYS.  
KEEP OFF THE GRASS, DRIVING OR WALKING !!!**

**C. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **ALL VEHICLES** must carry a copy of rules and regulations and tide chart in vehicles at all times.
2. **ACCESS** to the beach **NORTH** of parking lot is in a residential area. Please be courteous and obey all rules and regulations when entering, leaving, and during your visit to the beach. **NO PARKING ALLOWED AT THE ACCESS ROAD AREA.**
3. **OWNERS OR LESSEES, NAUSET BEACH PROPERTY (ORLEANS AND/OR CHATHAM):** All regulations listed herein shall apply while using other areas of the beach.
  - a. **REPAIR AND/OR MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY:** Any and all motorized equipment or machines taken on the beach must secure permission from the Orleans Park Superintendent and/or Chatham Chief of Police before proceeding on beach.
4. **CHILDREN** under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by a responsible person sixteen (16) years of age or older.
5. **No DOGS allowed March 15 – September 15 North of the Nauset Beach parking lot.**  
From a point South of Nauset Beach parking lot to trail one, dogs are prohibited from May 15 to Labor Day. From a point South of trail one to the Chatham Inlet, all dogs must be on a leash of not more than 30 feet at all times, unless below the high tide mark, from May 15 through Labor Day. (This will be a zero tolerance enforcement issue.) Dogs are prohibited from areas closed to vehicle or human traffic for Piping Plover protection. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. North Beach camp owners would retain traditional use rights for their own private property.  
**In addition to any other penalties set forth in these regulations, any violation of this Section constituting a first offense will result in no less than automatic revocation of the offender's beach permit rights from the date of violation until May 1st of the following year. Subsequent violations will result in the offender's beach permit rights being revoked for a period of three (3) full years from the date of the violation.**
6. **SLEEPING** in the open between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and the use of camping tents, sleeping bags, bed rolls and camping trailers for overnight camping on all beach areas is prohibited.
7. **No open FIRES on the beach** are allowed unless permits are obtained from the Orleans Fire Chief, Park Superintendent or the Chief of the Chatham Fire Department. Charcoal fires in grills are permitted. Douse coals before leaving.

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**C. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS continued**

8. **BEACH PARTIES** of more than twenty (20) persons shall be required to carry a special permit (no additional fee), and shall name, in applying for such a permit, one individual in the group who shall agree to assume the responsibility for the activities of all members of the group while on the beach. Such a permit shall be applied for 48 hours in advance of its proposed use. The permit for the Orleans portion of the beach shall be issued only by the Orleans Park Superintendent and the Chatham portion of the beach by the Chatham Chief of Police, and they shall designate the beach area on which such a party may be held.
9. **WINDSURFING, SURFBOARDING** permitted only in certain specified areas and separate regulations shall apply to the conduct of same.
10. **SCUBA DIVING, SKIN DIVING:** All other methods of underwater swimming requiring mechanical aids shall be permitted only in specified areas, and shall be subject to separate regulations.
11. The use of rafts, tubes, inflatables and other similar types of **SWIMMING OR BATHING DEVICES** are prohibited.
12. **FISHING GEAR** must be kept at waters edge at all times year round while in the act of fishing. There shall be no more than five (5) fishing rods per person or more than twelve (12) fishing rods per vehicle to be in use at any one time.
13. **SHELLFISH** regulations of Orleans apply to the Orleans portion of the beach. Shellfish regulations of Chatham apply to the Chatham portion of the beach.
14. **PRIVATE PROPERTY: PERSONS WHO VISIT THE BEACH BY BOAT, MOTOR VEHICLE, OR ON FOOT ARE REQUIRED TO RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TO CONFORM TO ALL REGULATIONS LISTED HEREIN.**
15. **PROHIBITED VEHICLES:** Two-wheel vehicles, motorcycles, minibikes, mopeds, snowmobiles, ATVs and ATCs. No towing of paraglides permitted. Except in an emergency, no airplanes or helicopters shall land and no trailers are allowed on Nauset Beach.
16. **TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS:** In addition to the foregoing regulations, the Orleans Park Commission, Chatham Park Commission and Chatham Conservation Commission may from time to time and at the recommendation of the Orleans Park Superintendent or Chatham Chief of Police issue temporary restrictions applying to specific areas of Nauset Beach.
17. **No vehicles may park on the Back Trail between the Lower Booth to Trail #1.**
18. **Only Chatham Camp Owners or their guests may drive South of Trail #7.**

**PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PARK AND BEACH AREAS.**

**D. VIOLATIONS**

Penalties for infractions of any of the above regulations shall be revocation of registration sticker, dismissal from the beach and/or a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each offense.

Persons whose permits have been suspended or revoked have within seven days a right to appeal to the enforcing authority, who upon receipt of written request shall arrange a hearing on the appeal to the appropriate authority.

Authority for the enforcement of the above regulations shall rest with the Orleans Park Superintendent and Orleans Chief of Police and the Chatham Chief of Police.

Copies of the above regulations may be obtained at the Town Offices and Police Stations in Orleans and Chatham and the official on duty at Nauset Beach.

These Rules and Regulations were adopted at a public hearing of the Orleans Park Commission and the Chatham Park & Recreation Commissioners dated 2/27/06.

Copies of changes to be posted in Town Clerks' Offices in Orleans and Chatham.